

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

Claims 1 and 2 (canceled)

3. (currently amended) A method of producing a disposable wearing article which includes a front stretchable multilayer member defining an abdominal-side front zone, a rear stretchable multilayer member defining a dorsal-side rear zone, an absorbent body disposed to bridge between said front stretchable multilayer member and said rear stretchable multilayer member, wherein said front stretchable multilayer member and said rear stretchable multilayer member are joined together to form a waist opening, said method comprising the steps of:

continuously feeding said front stretchable multilayer member and said rear stretchable multilayer member with a given distance therebetween;

preparing said absorbent body;

forming at least one cutting line in said front stretchable multilayer member;

attaching fastening members to an inner surface of said front stretchable multilayer member at both sides of said cutting line;

bonding a rear end portion of said absorbent body to said rear stretchable multilayer member and detachably engaging a front end portion of said absorbent body with said fastening members attached to said front stretchable multilayer member so that the front end portion of said absorbent body is in opposed facing relationship to said cutting line; and

superimposing said front stretchable multilayer member and said rear stretchable multilayer member in such a manner that they be located on opposite sides of

said absorbent body, and joining respective portions of said superimposed stretchable multilayer members to be formed as lateral edges of said disposable wearing article;

~~wherein said method includes detachably engaging said front stretchable multilayer member and said absorbent body together using a fastening member, wherein said at least one cutting line is formed to pass through a superimposed portion of said front stretchable multilayer member and said absorbent body.~~

4. (currently amended) The method as defined in claim ~~4~~ 3, wherein said fastening member is adapted to allow said disposable wearing article in the state after said stretchable multilayer member formed with said cutting line is cut open to be reconstructed and used in a pant-like configuration.

5. (new) The method as defined in claim 3, further comprising the step of:

attaching a fastener detachably engagable with said fastening members attached to said front stretchable multilayer member at an outer surface of a front end portion of said absorbent body before the step of bonding the rear end portion of said absorbent body to said rear stretchable multilayer member.

6. (new) The method as defined in claim 3, wherein the step of attaching fastening members to an inner surface of said front stretchable multilayer member at both sides of said cutting line includes attaching the fastening members at locations spaced from one another and spaced from the cutting line.